

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

My first instinct was to just fire this off as written. I have to tell you though, that living in the state of Michigan, I pay extraordinarily high taxes/fee already. I have the \$65 plan from Verizon, and I pay \$80 odd dollars a month. The increase is from the fees accessed JUST TO HAVE THE PHONE ON THE WALL. Simply for me to have the stupid thing on the wall, I pay ALOT of money. Crazy! And now, it comes to my attention that you wish to make it higher???? we (in the state of Michigan) just sucked a \$3 plus increase for the stupid fees. You take enough fees. Why do you feel the need to take even more? So I leave the original email below. I'm sure you've received alot already, but just in case, here it is...

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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